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SUBJ: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FERNANDO NAVAS AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 3 AND PRESENTED ORAL SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTELS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON POINTS CONTAINED IN PAR. 7 REF. A.

2. NAVAS LISTENED CAREFULLY, NODDING AGREEMENT AT TIMES. AT END OF EXPOSITION NAVAS SAID HE PERSONALLY WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH U.S. POSITION, THAT U.S. HAD BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING WITH THE PANAMANIANS. IN HIS DISCUSSION NAVAS FOCUSED ON THE QUESTIONS OF LANDS AND WATERS AND ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS, AND INDICATED HIS PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. POSITION IN THESE AREAS AS WELL.

3. POL COUNSELOR REQUESTED THAT NAVAS BRING INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO, WHO HAS BEEN INACCESSIBLE DUE TO PREPARATIONS FOR AUGUST 5-6 PRESIDENTS MEETING, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND LEFT WITH NAVAS NOTE AND AIDE MEMOIR CONVEYING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTELS. EARLIER ON AUGUST 3 EMBASSY

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HAD SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF REF B TO LIEVANO WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS RECEIVED.

4. AS NAVAS POINTED OUT, HIS POSITIVE REACTIONS TO THE U.S. POSITION WERE PERSONAL, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE IN LINE WITH THE FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TO THE U.S. CANAL POSITION OF OTHER SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIALS, AS EXPRESSED TO EMBOFFS IN EARLIER CONVERSAT-

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